

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—*Friday, October 6, 2000*

The House met at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Claude Pomerleau, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, offered the following prayer:

Lord and Master of the universe, we dare to call You Mother and Father because You are the Source of all that we are, all that we have and all that we do. You have sent us Your Spirit, and so we also call ourselves Your children. We know that You love us all, and that this gift goes beyond our greatest expectations.

O God, bless all the Members of the House this day and always. May they act in accordance with Your Spirit as they serve this Nation and work for a more peaceful and secure world. May they be just and compassionate in their work as You are just and compassionate with Your creation, and may they be a sign of Your presence for this Nation and the world.

We pray that we may always be instruments of Your peace, even in the midst of unresolved problems and constant human conflicts. And, as a result, may we strive to be a mosaic of Your renewing presence in this world, through which we have a brief but glorious passage. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 267, nays 50, answered “present” 1, not voting 116, as follows:

[Roll No. 514]

### YEAS—267

Abercrombie	Gejdenson	Miller, Gary
Allen	Gekas	Minge
Andrews	Gillmor	Mink
Baca	Gilman	Moakley
Bachus	Gonzalez	Moore
Baldwin	Goode	Moran (VA)
Ballenger	Goodlatte	Morella
Barcia	Goodling	Murtha
Barr	Gordon	Myrick
Barrett (NE)	Granger	Nadler
Barrett (WI)	Green (TX)	Napolitano
Bartlett	Green (WI)	Nethercutt
Bass	Greenwood	Ney
Becerra	Hall (OH)	Northup
Bentsen	Hall (TX)	Nussle
Bereuter	Hastert	Olver
Berkley	Hastings (WA)	Ortiz
Berry	Hayworth	Ose
Biggert	Hill (IN)	Oxley
Bishop	Hinojosa	Packard
Blagojevich	Hobson	Pallone
Bliley	Hoefel	Pascarell
Blunt	Holden	Pastor
Boehner	Hoolley	Payne
Bonilla	Horn	Pease
Boswell	Hostettler	Pelosi
Boyd	Houghton	Peterson (PA)
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Petri
Brown (OH)	Hyde	Pickering
Bryant	Inslee	Pickett
Burr	Isakson	Pitts
Buyer	Istook	Pomeroy
Callahan	Jackson (IL)	Portman
Camp	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Campbell	(TX)	Pryce (OH)
Capps	Jefferson	Rahall
Cardin	Jenkins	Regula
Chabot	John	Reynolds
Chambliss	Johnson, E.B.	Rivers
Clayton	Jones (NC)	Roemer
Clement	Jones (OH)	Rohrabacher
Clyburn	Kanjorski	Ros-Lehtinen
Coble	Kasich	Rothman
Coburn	Kelly	Roukema
Combest	Kennedy	Roybal-Allard
Condit	Kildee	Royce
Cook	Kilpatrick	Ryan (WI)
Cooksey	Kind (WI)	Ryun (KS)
Cox	Kingston	Salmon
Coyne	Knollenberg	Sandlin
Cramer	Kolbe	Sanford
Cunningham	Kuykendall	Saxton
Danner	LaHood	Scarborough
Davis (IL)	Lampson	Schakowsky
Deal	Lantos	Sensenbrenner
DeGette	Larson	Serrano
DeLauro	Latham	Sessions
DeMint	LaTourette	Shadegg
Deutsch	Lee	Shaw
Dingell	Levin	Shays
Doggett	Lewis (CA)	Sherman
Dooley	Lewis (KY)	Sherwood
Doyle	Linder	Shimkus
Dreier	Lofgren	Shows
Duncan	Lucas (KY)	Simpson
Ehlers	Lucas (OK)	Sisisky
Emerson	Luther	Skeen
Etheridge	Maloney (CT)	Skelton
Evans	Maloney (NY)	Smith (NJ)
Everett	Manzullo	Smith (WA)
Ewing	Markey	Snyder
Farr	Mascara	Spratt
Fattah	Matsui	Stearns
Fletcher	McCarthy (NY)	Stenholm
Forbes	McCrery	Stump
Fowler	McHugh	Sununu
Frank (MA)	McInnis	Talent
Frelinghuysen	McIntyre	Tanner
Frost	McKeon	Tauscher
Galleghy	Menendez	Tauzin
Ganske	Mica	Taylor (NC)

Terry  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Thurman  
Tiahrt  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Towns  
Traficant

Turner  
Upton  
Velázquez  
Walden  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Watkins  
Watts (OK)  
Weiner  
Weldon (PA)  
Weygand  
Wilson  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wynn  
Young (FL)

### NAYS—50

Aderholt	Hoekstra	Sabo
Baird	Holt	Sanchez
Baldacci	Hutchinson	Sawyer
Borski	Kucinich	Schaffer
Brady (PA)	LaFalce	Slaughter
Capuano	Lipinski	Stark
Costello	LoBiondo	Stupak
Crowley	McDermott	Sweeney
DeFazio	McNulty	Taylor (MS)
Dickey	Miller, George	Thompson (CA)
Gibbons	Moran (KS)	Thompson (MS)
Gutierrez	Neal	Udall (CO)
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Udall (NM)
Hastings (FL)	Obey	Visclosky
Hill (MT)	Phelps	Weller
Hilleary	Ramstad	Wu
Hilliard	Riley	

### ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Smith (MI)

### NOT VOTING—116

Ackerman	English	Millender-
Archer	Eshoo	McDonald
Armey	Filner	Miller (FL)
Baker	Foley	Mollohan
Barton	Ford	Norwood
Berman	Fossella	Owens
Bilbray	Franks (NJ)	Paul
Bilirakis	Gephardt	Peterson (MN)
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	Pombo
Boehert	Goss	Porter
Bonior	Graham	Quinn
Bono	Hansen	Radanovich
Boucher	Hayes	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Hefley	Reyes
Burton	Herger	Rodriguez
Calvert	Hinchee	Rogan
Canady	Hoyer	Rogers
Cannon	Hulshof	Rush
Carson	Johnson (CT)	Sanders
Castle	Johnson, Sam	Scott
Chenoweth-Hage	Kaptur	Shuster
Clay	King (NY)	Smith (TX)
Collins	Kleczka	Souder
Conyers	Klink	Spence
Crane	Largent	Stabenow
Cubin	Lazio	Strickland
Cummings	Leach	Tancred
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)	Thomas
Davis (VA)	Lowe	Vento
Delahunt	Martinez	Vitter
DeLay	McCarthy (MO)	Waters
Diaz-Balart	McCollum	Watt (NC)
Dicks	McGovern	Waxman
Dixon	McIntosh	Weldon (FL)
Doolittle	McKinney	Wexler
Dunn	Meehan	Whitfield
Edwards	Meek (FL)	Wicker
Ehrlich	Meeks (NY)	Wise
Engel	Metcalfe	Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, this morning I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following vote:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

On the Journal (rollcall No. 514), I would have voted "yea."

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 514, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 514, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 514, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). Will the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SIMPSON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. One minutes will be postponed until the end of the day except for the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY YATES

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a very sad announcement. Congressman Sidney Yates died last night.

Those who loved the arts, who cherish the environment, who struggle for human freedom and dignity lost a hero. Many of us, many of you lost a very dear friend, a true gentleman in this body for 48 years.

There will be an opportunity at a later time for those who are moved to pay tribute to Sid to speak on this floor, and details about arrangements will be provided to all Members as soon as they are available.

#### WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4475, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 612 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 612

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the

conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4475) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The Conference report shall be considered as read.

SEC. 2. House Resolutions 586, 592, 595, 599, and 600 are laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL); pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 612 is a standard conference report rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4475, the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2001.

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. Additionally, the rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule lays House Resolutions 586, 592, 595, 599, and 600 on the table.

Mr. Speaker, whether cross-town or cross-country, by car, train or plane, ensuring the safety and efficiency of our transportation networks is one of the Federal Government's highest responsibilities. The conference report accompanying H.R. 4475 continues the Republican Congress' focus on safety for all modes of transportation.

This bill improves and invests in the Nation's infrastructure and safety by targeting funds to critical programs such as air traffic control modernization, airport improvement grants, motor carrier safety, and increasing investments in highway safety research.

The bill enhances the safety and capacity of the aviation system and the highway and rail networks. It makes runway prevention systems and devices eligible for airport improvement funds and directs the FAA to make such requests for discretionary funding the highest priority. Under this bill, air traffic services continue to make up an integral part of aviation safety.

The bill provides a total of nearly \$17.8 billion in discretionary budget authority for our Nation's infrastructure and transportation safety, including the Federal Aviation Administration, transit program spending, the United States Coast Guard, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The bill includes \$279 million for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, an increase of more than 50 percent from last year's levels, to im-

prove the safety of the trucks of our Nation's roads. The underlying legislation also increases investments to critical highway safety research and development of smart vehicle technologies.

Another significant piece of the Transportation Appropriations is to fund the drug interdiction activities carried out by the U.S. Coast Guard. The bill provides for \$565 million for these activities, helping the men and women of the Coast Guard prevent addictive and deadly narcotics from ever reaching our shores, let alone our neighborhoods and school yards.

Additionally, the bill meets the funding obligations for the highway and aviation accounts, as prescribed under TEA-21 and AIR-21 reauthorization bills. These programs are critical to improvements and modernization of our roadways and our airways, providing desperately needed funds across the Nation.

The bill also contains an increase in funding for pipeline safety, an increase of 25 percent over last year.

I am also pleased the underlying bill makes available a \$2 million continuing appropriation for the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority bus project, an important public transportation project that will serve my district and region. It also contains an additional appropriation for reverse commuting that will help those most in need to reach their jobs, wherever they may be, demonstrating our commitment to better, safer public transportation.

Similarly, the conference report provides much needed funding of \$2 million for the Niagara Falls Transportation Authority in the Buffalo area. Under this legislation, Western New York will be able to be better served with more reliable and safe bus transportation and improve job access and reverse commute efforts.

Mr. Speaker, safety should remain the Federal Government's highest responsibility in the transportation area, and clearly this bill addresses those needs and concerns.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), the ranking member, for their hard work in bringing this measure before the House today. I would also like to commend the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), the ranking member, for their hard work and continued commitment to our Nation's infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the rule and the underlying measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.